

Antônio Carlos Jobim (1927 - 94)

A composer, pianist, songwriter, arranger and singer, Jobim is widely considered one of Brazilian music's greatest exponents. He internationalized bossa nova and, with the help of important American artists, merged it with jazz in the 1960s to create a new sound with remarkable popular success. His songs have been performed by many singers and instrumentalists within Brazil and internationally. His 'The Girl From Ipanema' is one of the most recorded songs of all time.

'Someone to Light Up My Life' has all the hallmarks of the Brazilian jazz. It works on guitar nicely with its enticing main melody and typical chromatic harmonies. In this arrangement I restate the theme before the exquisite coda. I like to play it with a laid back Latin swing (bossa nova) feel, which varies as the piece progresses.